

QA-552

Dominion School

Stevensville vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed ca. 1910

Privately owned

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Queen Anne's County Board of Education constructed the Dominion School ca. 1910 to serve white children in the rural Dominion community. The ca. 1910 schoolhouse replaced an earlier schoolhouse on the same site. Dominion School was part of the system of rural schoolhouses that served Kent Island prior to the beginnings of school consolidation in the 1920s.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-552

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Dominion School

other

2. Location

street and number 1203 Parson Island Road not for publication

city, town Stevensville ☒ vicinity

county Queen Anne's

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage, Inc.

street and number P.O. Box 1745

telephone (410) 822-5100

city, town Easton

state MD

zip code 21601

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Circuit Court liber SM 758 folio 682

city, town Centreville tax map 64 tax parcel 190 tax ID number 04-062477

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Dominion School stands at the southeast corner of Parsons Island Road and Workmans Hazzard Road, east of the Dominion community on southern Kent Island, Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The school stands approximately ten feet east of Parsons Island Road and has a flat, grassy yard of about one acre. Wildlife preserve and farm land make up the immediate vicinity.

Constructed ca. 1910, Dominion School is a 1-story, five-bay, wood-frame schoolhouse with a hipped roof. It has a brick foundation, wood shingle exterior walls, and a corrugated metal roof with a boxed cornice. There is an interior brick chimney in the south end of the schoolhouse. The main entry is in the center bay of the front (west) façade and consists of a half-glass door with a bead molding surround, a recent concrete stoop, and a recent shed canopy. A secondary entry with a plain surround is on the south façade. The single and triple window openings have plain wood surrounds with 6/6 wood sash on the front (west) elevation and 9/9 wood sash on the rear (east) elevation. There is also a single-light awning window on the south elevation and an added 6/6 window on the east elevation. There is a small, hipped roof addition on the rear (east) elevation. The addition has a concrete block foundation, plywood siding, an asphalt roof, and aluminum windows. The interior of Dominion School was not accessible due to an invalid tenant.

Alterations to the Dominion School include the stoops and canopies at the two entrances, and added window on the east façade, and an addition on the east façade. The building has been converted to a residence; the extent of interior alterations is not known. The building is in good condition.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates ca. 1910 (construction), 1927 (closing) **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1910

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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RESOURCE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

On Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson's 1877 *Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne's County*, School No. 7 appears across Parsons Island Road from the present Dominion School. This may be the small, front-gable schoolhouse with scalloped eaves that appears in a 1905 school photograph now held by the Kent Island Heritage Society. The Queen Anne's County Board of Education bought the lot on the east side of Parsons Island Road, on which the present schoolhouse stands, in 1893. The present schoolhouse's date is estimated to be ca. 1910 because although the Board of Education owned the land in 1893, students were still posing in front of the old schoolhouse in 1905. Dominion School closed in 1927, and the students began traveling north to schools in Chester. The Board of Education sold the building in 1929, and it has been privately owned since.

In *The Land that Once Was Eden*, Janet Freedman recalls her mother saying:

Oh, I remember those ornery boys from Devil's Dominion! We said to ourselves, "Oh my they are coming in here and messing us up!" But a lot of the boys didn't stay in school too long. They had to work on the farm or they went to the water.¹

Dominion School was part of the system of rural schoolhouses that served Kent Island prior to the beginnings of school consolidation in the 1920s.

¹ Janet Freedman. *Kent Island: The Land that Once Was Eden*, 43.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Freedman, Janet. *Kent Island: The Land that Once Was Eden*. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 2002.

Kent Island Heritage Society Vertical Files. Schools. Queen Anne's County Free Library – Stevensville Branch.

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson. *An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne Counties, Maryland*. Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson, 1877.

Queen Anne's County Land Records: Liber BMT 10, folio 275; Liber WHC 7, folio 400.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre

Acreage of historical setting 1 acre

Quadrangle name Kent Island

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for Dominion School corresponds to the boundary for Parcel 190 on Queen Anne's County Tax Map 64. Dominion School is bounded on the north and east by adjacent tax parcels and on the southwest by Parsons Island Road. The one-acre parcel was first acquired by the Queen Anne's County Board of Education in 1893.

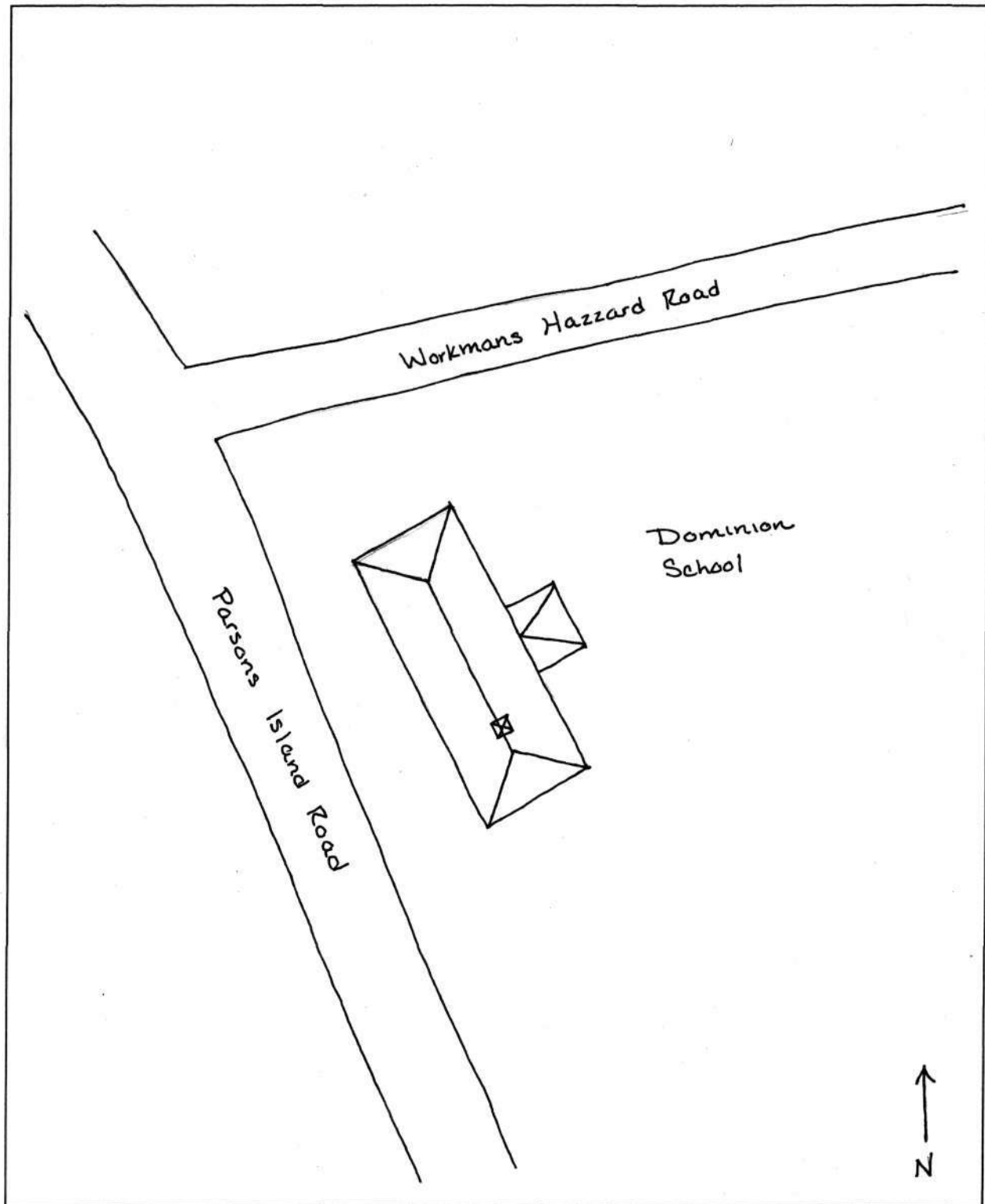
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city or town	Washington, D.C.	state	N/A

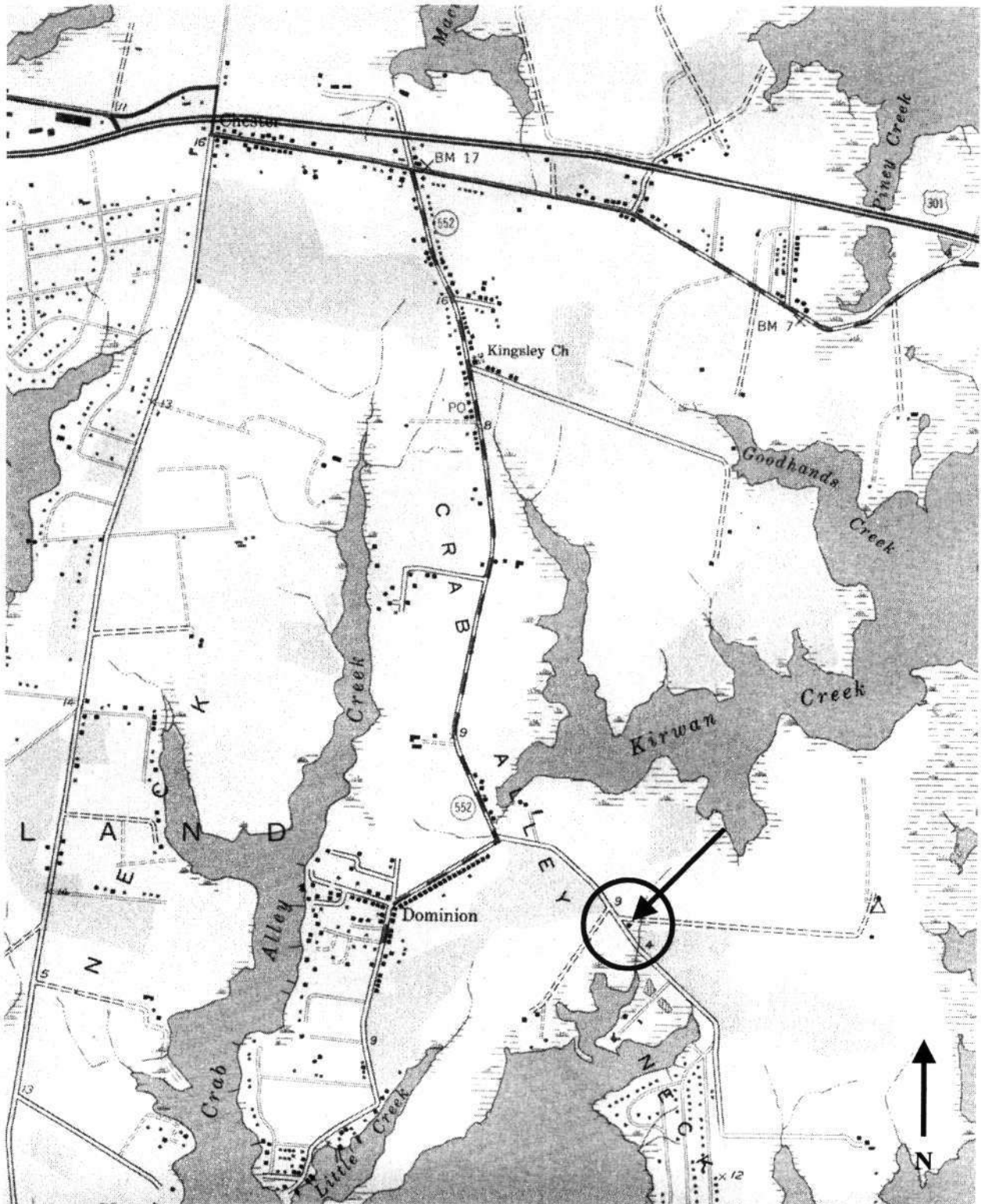
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Site Plan
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Dominion School
Stevensville Vicinity, Queen Anne's County, Maryland



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Dominion School
Stevensville Vicinity, Queen Anne's County, Maryland
Kent Island, Maryland Quadrangle (1:24,000)



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View from west showing west (front) elevation.

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View from NW showing west (front) and
north elevations

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View from NE showing north and east (rear)
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View from SW showing south and part of
east elevations.

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